

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A sample vial for use in an automated test apparatus, the sample vial comprising:

a body comprising an outer surface, an open end, a closed end, and at least one anti-rotation lug about said body outer surface, the anti-rotation lug comprising a planar, longitudinally disposed surface extending radially outwardly from said body outer surface;

a cap releasably engagable with said body, said cap comprising an outer surface and a torque pattern on said cap outer surface, said torque pattern comprising a plurality of radially disposed ribs, and

a seal disposed between said body and said cap so as to be capable of forming a substantially fluid-tight seal therebetween,

wherein the planar surface of the at least one anti-rotation lug is accessible when the cap is engaged with the body for reacting against proximate structure to facilitate at least one of removal and installation of the cap.

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